

ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MARCH 17, 2010 MINUTES

Committee Chair, Bob Fowler, called the meeting of the Finance & Operations Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Kathryn Gambatese, Rev. Charlotte Still Noble, Lisa Thomas, Ph.D. / Absent: Pastor Charles E. Brown, Amy Leopard, Harvey Snider

Board Staff Present: William M. Denihan, C.E.O., Vivian Catchings-El, Cindy Chaytor, Christine Delos Reyes, M.D., Michael Doud, Rose Fini, Tami Fischer, Cheryl Fratalonie, John Garrity, Lisa Griffith, Valeria Harper, Carol Krajewski, Chris Paternoster, Scott Osiecki, Ralph Piatak, Yancey Quinn, Cassandra Richardson, Star Sizemore-Rice, Linda Torbert

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The Finance & Operations Committee minutes of February 24, 2010, were reviewed. Two grammatical corrections were noted, the minutes were approved as corrected.

2. ADMINISTRATION / CLINICAL ISSUES

Central Pharmacy – For February, the budgeted amount for Central Pharmacy was 66.67% with actual use on the mental health side at 36.47% and at 89.90% for the alcohol & other drugs side (AOD). The overall actual Central Pharmacy utilization for February is 37.61%. Rev. Still Noble questioned figures on the summary report in the AOD methadone allotment; Ms. Richardson noted that a revised summary report would be sent to all Board of Directors.

State Hospital Bed Day Utilization – Bed day utilization in February was under projection by 17 bed days. The year-to-date utilization stands at 1,800 bed days under projection. Average bed day usage is 77.59 beds/day which is 7.41 under projection.

3. FINANCE REPORTS

a. Board Voucher Report: February 2010 Board Vouchers were reviewed; Ms. Richardson highlighted specific vouchers. No further questions were generated.

b. Operating Expenditures Report: February 2010 *(For Information Only)*

Ms. Richardson highlighted the Income Statements and Expenditures Reports. Projected utilization is at 66.67%; actual expenditures are 64.33%.

Motion to recommend approval of the February 2010 Board Vouchers as presented to the full Board.

MOTION: C. Still Noble / SECOND: L. Thomas / AYES: K. Gambatese, C. Still Noble, L. Thomas

NAYS: None / Motion passed.

5. CONTRACTS

Ms. Richardson explained and answered questions about the agenda process sheets for the contracts listed below.

A. INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS: Acceptance of Funds

- ◇ ODMH Capital Development Project MH-806R – EDEN Community Capital Application
- ◇ Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court: Juvenile Detention Center

B. SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS: Allocation of Funds

- ◇ Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court: Juvenile Detention Center – Catholic Charities
- ◇ Continuation of the Adult Drug Court Sustainability Funds to Community Assessment and Treatment Services
- ◇ Local Subsidy Allocation for Central Pharmacy Methadone Medication - Community Action Against Addiction (CAAA)

**C. OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT:**

◇ AT&T Phone Directory Listing

Motion to recommend approval of the Interagency Agreements, Service Provider Agreements, and Operational Agreement, listed above, to the full Board. MOTION: C. Still Noble / SECOND: L. Thomas AYES: K. Gambatese, C. Still Noble, L. Thomas / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

**6. IDENTIFY CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Dr. Thomas suggested that agenda process sheets should consistently identify the dollar amount more clearly. Committee members concurred with Dr. Fowler's suggestion that all items--Board Vouchers and Contracts be placed in the Consent Agenda Format for consideration by the full Board.

Motion to recommend approval of the Consent Agenda as proposed. MOTION: C. Still Noble SECOND: L. Thomas / AYES: K. Gambatese, C. Still Noble, L. Thomas / NAYS: None / Motion passed.

**7. OLD BUSINESS/ NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Denihan provided an update on the status of the 408 funding line item. He noted that Dr. Garrity represented the ADAMHS Board in Columbus and did an extraordinary job of presenting our case at a special meeting of an adhoc committee designed by ODMH Director Sandra Stephenson to review the 408 formula. Mr. Denihan noted that Cuyahoga County is at jeopardy of getting hit with a \$12.8 million reduction and Hamilton County with a \$6 million reduction. Mr. Denihan elaborated on the various issues and arguments involved.

ODMH Director Stephenson has asked Executive Directors from the larger counties (Franklin, Hamilton and Cuyahoga) to participate in a mediation session on 3/22/10. Mr. Denihan introduced his position that this is not a problem for the Boards to resolve and that this mediation expectation pits the Boards against each other. This is an administrative problem. ODMH should work to make everyone whole and hold the counties harmless. Mr. Denihan does not intend to accept the \$1.2 million reduction or the 10% phase-in reduction as proposed, as this will require continuing reductions each year. Mr. Denihan stated that it is not appropriate to take funding from existing consumers to reallocate to consumers who are yet to receive services. He does not challenge the need; however, ODMH should not disseminate the largest county in the state without having a remedy.

Consequently, Mr. Denihan recommends that ODMH: 1) Resolve the allocation shift by finding \$25 million for the increased service need and (2) to continue to work on the formula until everyone is satisfied. Ms. Gambatese noted she was interested in hearing the transcript of the discussions held by the special adhoc 408 review committee.

The Chair referenced a committee discussion in February whether it was legal for ODMH to use non-official census data to apply for the formula and asked Ms. Fini for her input. Ms. Fini began a preliminary review but needed time to research this issue further.

**8. AUDIENCE INPUT**

- Health & Human Service Levy Update – The Issue No. has been determined; it is Issue15. Regarding our participation, Mr. Osiecki is in charge of the Phone Banks with Julie Fogel in charge of the Speakers Bureau. Applications for absentee ballots went out today. Due to the growth in the use of absentee ballots, phone banks and advertising will begin earlier than usual and start next Monday, 4/22/10.

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.*

*Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist*

*Approved by: J. Robert Fowler, Ph.D., Finance & Operations Committee Chair*